

REMARKS

On July 20, 2007, applicant responded to the Examiner's Office Action mailed April 20, 2007. The Examiner mailed a subsequent Office Action on October 31, 2007 indicating that the reply filed on July 20, 2007 was not fully responsive. In addition to the amendments to the specification and claims made in applicant's reply filed on July 20, 2007, as well as the remarks made therein, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the remarks made herein.

Embodiments of the claimed invention include a wireless communication system incorporating a plurality of synchronized wireless units. At least some of the units minimize energy requirements by entering an inactive mode between synchronizing signals. At least some of the units enter an active state prior to the receipt of the next synchronizing signal and are in wireless communication with other wireless units in the plurality while in an active state. Also, at least some of the units remain in the active state for a period of time until wireless communication with other wireless units in the plurality has ceased.

Claim 26 was newly added in applicant's reply dated July 20, 2007. For at least the reasons stated therein with respect to claims 1-25, claim 26 should be allowable. Claim 26 presents novel and nonobvious subject matter over, for example, van Bokhorst et al., Chung et al., O'Scolai, and Lucas et al.

Unlike the claimed invention, in the first embodiment of van Bokhorst et al, "direct message transmission between two stations is not possible." (col. 4, ll. 14-15). In the second embodiment of van Bokhorst et al., the wireless stations enter a doze state when a synchronization signal is received. Furthermore, unlike the claimed invention, neither Chung et

al, O'Scolai, nor Lucas et al. appear to address mobile units entering a lower power state or remaining in an active state until wireless communication between mobile units has ceased.

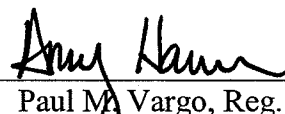
Applicant submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the application, including claim 26. Applicant further submits that, when considered with its remarks made herein, applicant's reply dated July 20, 2007 is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2007. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution hereof, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18, including but not limited to the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, such as a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 23-0920.

Respectfully submitted,

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